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Mail Stop Amendment
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2004

The due date for a response with a one-month extension of time to the Office Action of September 17, 2004 fell on January 17, 2005. As January 17, 2005 was a holiday at the USPTO, this response filed today, January 18, 2005, along with a petition for a one-month extension of time is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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